

WHY IS IT THAT VISITORS TO OUR TOWN HAVE TO CRAWL OVER TRASH PILES TO ENTER?

Our Main Thoroughfare Capped With
Old Tin Cans, Bottles and Old
"Have Been" Pots

The writer of this article was out of town for a few days and was asked by a person who lived in a near-by town if the trees along Main street had suddenly and was the street as pretty as it usually was in the spring time. Then he told me that Williamston was considered to have one of the prettiest main thoroughfares of any town anywhere comparing in size to it. This made me feel very good for there is nothing one likes to hear more than something good of the old home town.

And when I was coming home on the Coast-Line train the remarks of this friend of mine in regard to our town, came into my mind and I thought when I reached the switch I would observe the town from that entrance to it. But, instead of looking down Main street I was so completely taken up by the hugeness of the old trash pile that I saw nothing else. Has it ever occurred to the town fathers that the end of Main street which runs into one of the most important of the State's highways terminates in one of the most unsightly trash piles that can be found anywhere? We feel sure that it has not for we know that it is their desire to do anything that is for the good of the town and we know that they have not considered what an impression one must get when he passes that pile and arrives right in the middle of business section about five seconds afterward if they are driving a car.

And there is not one single person in Williamston who has driven across the river and come around the bend of the fill and when he turned around did not feel a thrill of pride for having such a pretty drive way and approach into our town from that end of Main street. People from everywhere who have come into our town from across the river say that it is one of the prettiest approaches to any town that they ever saw.

But, we are again making a mistake of using the first vacant lot at the end of the street for a trash heap. This is a very serious mistake when an acre of ground could be bought somewhere close to town that is away from the road and the trash could be carried in there and hidden from view.

A CITIZEN.

BOY SCOUTS HIKE TO BIG MILL FOR AFTERNOON

Troop No. 2 of the local boy scouts hiked to the Big Mill yesterday afternoon, celebrating the Easter holiday. Mr. William Cooke carried the nerve of the entire group when he plunged off the dam into the briny deep. The others dared not go so far and compromised by riding up and down the pond in a dug out. The boys returned about six in the afternoon.

Dr. P. B. Cone is in Raleigh today attending the State Dental Society. While there he read a paper in memory of Dr. Manning formerly of Robersonville.

Dr. Cone will return tomorrow.

Mr. Tom Cooke of Rocky Mount spent the week-end here with his family.

Mr. Charles Biggs of Raleigh spent the Easter holidays here with his mother, Mrs. S. R. Biggs.

Mr. Garland Anderson of Mildred spent the week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Anderson.

Miss Emma and Missie Robertson of Greenville spent the Easter holidays here with their mother, Mrs. J. L. Robertson.

Mrs. J. L. Williams returned last night from Grifton where she visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Chapman.

Mrs. E. B. Moore of Washington who has been visiting her brother, Dr. W. E. Warren and Mrs. Warren returned to her home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Siscoff returned to Greenville yesterday after spending the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Britt.

Mr. E. T. Bateman of Norfolk is visiting Mr. Robert L. Coburn for a few days.

Mrs. A. V. Joyner returned last night from Wilmington where she spent the week-end with her husband, Rev. A. V. Joyner.

Mr. Goody Gaskins of Rocky Mount spent the week-end here with friends.

Mr. Al Clapp returned yesterday morning to Richmond after visiting friends here for several days.

Mr. Harry Olin of Scotland Neck was in town Sunday.

Mrs. John A. Manning and little son Jack spent yesterday in Rocky Mount where Jack received medical treatment.

"ROSE MAIDEN" WILL BE GIVEN IN WASHINGTON

Local Talent Will Have Important Parts

The Rose Maiden, the well known cantata by Frederick H. Cowen will be given at the Spring Festival which will take place in Washington, May 1, under the auspices of the McDowell Club. Mrs. McDowell, wife of the famous modern composer and whose name the clubs bears was to have appeared on the second night of the festival but owing to illness she had to cancel her engagement as she will be unable to leave California by that time.

There will be fifty voices in the cantata and the following well known singers of Washington and Williamston will have solo parts, Mrs. Mark Swingley, Mr. Swingley, Mrs. Eli Brown, Mrs. Angus Cox, Mrs. Dave Carter, Mrs. Ed Mallison, Mrs. James S. Rhodes, Mrs. Eva Hackley and Rev. Gardner. It is being directed by Mrs. Mark Swingley who is one of East Carolina's most able musicians.

The cantata will be a treat to lovers of good music. It is a story of spring with its budding flowers and green woodland and it is vivacious and sprightly subtitled at times by the sad loveliness of the spring time.

The performance will be well worth the price of admission which is one dollar for adults and fifty cents for children.

The local members of the McDowell Club and those who will appear in the Rose Maiden are, Mrs. J. H. Saunders, Miss Carrie Dell White, Mrs. J. S. Rhodes, Mrs. W. H. Biggs, Miss Vell-Andrews, Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Jr., and Mrs. L. C. Bennett.

TREMENDOUS POPULARITY OF "BLOSSOM TIME"

Messrs. Shubert World Famous Musical Comedy Breaks All Theatrical Records in the South

Several new pages of theatrical history have been written this season by "Blossom Time", the famous musical comedy which has been touring the country under the direction of the Messrs. Shubert and which will play at the New Theatre, Washington next Friday.

Three times it has played this season in both Atlanta and Birmingham and return engagements have been made in scores of other cities of the South. "Blossom Time's" popularity has been unprecedented as witness the following newspaper comment: Said Ralph T. Jones in the Atlanta Constitution: "It is hard to recall how long it is any theatrical entertainment has scored such an overwhelming hit in Atlanta as to make it necessary for the same aggregation to fill three separate and distinct engagements in this city in one season. 'Blossom Time', that unique, supreme and perfect musical comedy—almost light opera—came back for its third visit of the season Monday night. It opened to a full house and it is a sure bet there will be few vacant seats at any of the remaining performances. To those who have seen the show, its phenomenal success is not surprising for it is the universal comment that there never was anything like it." Hunter Bell wrote as follows in the Atlanta Journal: "Blossom Time", with its exquisite music woven from the immortal melodies of Franz Schubert, is back at the Atlanta Theatre for the third time this season. Such popularity is unparalleled in the history of musical shows playing here, but is entirely deserving because of the wide spread appeal of the play. The same excellent cast as seen on the two previous occasions reappears. "Blossom Time" is a play that men will take their sweethearts, wives and mothers to see because its construction around the tenderest of all themes—love. It has a wider appeal than probably any other show of the season, and more than anything else, the appeal is clean and elevating."

Mrs. John Grimes and little son of Robersonville visited Mrs. Tom Ayers here Saturday.

Mr. Dick Taylor of Mildred spent the week-end here with his family.

Mr. Joe Abeyonias of Washington was in town yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Getzinger and Benjamin Hopkins motored to Windsor Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ayers visited relatives in Plymouth Sunday.

Mr. John McCall will return tonight from Wilmington where he visited friends during the Easter holiday.

Mr. L. B. Wynne returned to Durham yesterday afternoon.

Mr. John A. Manning and little son Jack spent yesterday in Rocky Mount where Jack received medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Harrison left yesterday for molar for Richlands to attend the funeral of an uncle of Mrs. Harrison's who died there Sunday.

FOR SALE: TOMATO PLANTS, 20¢ per dozen, 5 doz. 50¢. 75¢ per 100. Ready May 1st. Claude Leggett, Williamston, N. C. 4-22-1

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BANK STATEMENTS SHOW INCREASE IN BUSINESS

The bank statements as issued by the various banks of Martin county show a very decided improvement over those of last year on March 31st. One of the local banks shows an increase in deposits amounting to \$45,428.74 over those of March 31, 1923. Other statements show equally as large an increase in deposits.

When you look into the statements issued by the banks and see the increase and development in all banking lines nothing more than continued prosperity can be expected. But once you see the reverse taking place and shown by the statements, nothing but a cessation of prosperity can be expected, so once you see the banks growing and continuing in growth all is well and good. Martin county now has as strong banks as found in most any county that is located in an agricultural section. And more, the banks are being led by competent men, for instance the North Carolina Bankers Association came to Martin to select its president. So it is on thru out the banking realm in this county that you will find men devoting their entire lives to the business.

The six statements as published in this paper last week cannot be excelled but by few when it comes to the material increase enjoyed by them in the past few years.

MORE MUSINGS BY UNCLE JOSH

A farmer's life appeals to me, but some are apt to say

The social problem seems to be the thing that blocks the way

The social problem, fiddlesticks, I wouldn't give a Jo,

When eggs are up to fifty cents let social problems go.

May Social butterflies be gay who bow to fashions will.

But when your fortune flies away the social problem's nil;

Who'll care a snap when you some day go down a slippery place,

They'll simply wag their heads and say "He struck too hard a pace."

Don't loaf about and hope to make a million in some day.

For if you've got your grub to make just hark to what I say,

I don't want you to understand these problems have no place,

For those who work upon the land, for this is not the case.

But my plan, it seems to me a faithful prosecution,

Of work upon the farm you see will bring the true solution,

For butter's up to forty-five and pork is twenty-two,

I tell you sure as I'm alive, we've got the bugle on you.

You've got to buy the things we raise and this I'd have you know,

That pretty soon some of these days we're going to have the dough,

For we are growing Cotton, Corn, Peas Nuts, Beets and Squash;

With prices coming our way just watch your Uncle Josh.

—J. E. WARNER.

SMITHWICK SCHOOL TO CLOSE

The Smithwick school which was burned about a month ago and which since that time has been held in the Manning school house, will close tomorrow.

Mrs. Anna Harrison, Misses Evelyn and Velma Harrison and Margaret Manning visited friends in Tarboro Sunday.

Mr. W. H. C. Carstaphen of Trinity College, Durham spent the Easter holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carstaphen. He returned yesterday to Durham.

Miss Thomas of the local school faculty left Saturday for Richmond where she attended the wedding of her cousin.

Mr. Frank Chadstone of Hamilton was in town yesterday for a few hours.

Mr. David Eoberson of Grifflins was a business visitor here yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Dawson Lilley was in town yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. H. Rose and sons, Hardy and Tom and Mrs. H. C. Chapman and little daughter, Doris, visited Mr. Paul Ray in Roanoke Rapids Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Allen and little son of Goldsboro visited Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Perry Sunday.

Miss Delphia Peckles and Mr. J. W. Watts, Jr. and little son, Jimmie, visited Mrs. Watts who is convalescing from an operation at the Park View hospital, Rocky Mount, on Easter Sunday.

Mr. H. M. Wolf visited friends in Kingston during the week-end.

Mr. Joe Taylor was in town for a few hours this morning.

WORK STARTED ON PLYMOUTH ROAD TODAY

To Build Large Fill At Sweeten Water Creek

COMPLETION IN 1925

Road Will Have a Gravel and Top Soil Finish

Work on the highway route 90 from Williamston to the Washington county line was commenced yesterday.

The clearing of the right-of-way was commenced at Sweeten Water creek. The first work on the fill was started this morning.

The fill to be built will be about nine feet high where it borders the creek, and a cut will be made through the Brown field from where the dirt will go toward building the fill. The cut will be made with a steam shovel and the dirt will be loaded on trucks and hauled to the creek fill. Mr. N. T. Teer of Durham is the contractor of the project and Mr. J. G. Purcell is foreman.

Mr. Teer has completed several projects in this state and Mr. Purcell has been foreman of several projects in Northampton county and knows the art of building roads.

This is the last link in route No. 90 which begins at Raleigh, extending through eastern Wake county, southern corner of Franklin, splitting Nash and Edgecombe and a distance of about 35 miles through Martin on into Washington county and finally into Tyrrell to Columbia and passing thru the county seat of each county except Franklin.

The grading of the entire road is most completed and by the time this project is completed route 90 will be finished. The part west of here is now being handspaded and will be completed in the early fall.

The project just commenced will be of standard width and elevation and will have a gravel and top soil finish. The bridges will be of the standard concrete type.

It is expected that the date of completion will extend well into the year 1925.

The State is represented by Mr. J. G. Liverman who is directing the work under the instruction of Mr. R. R. Roper, resident engineer.

The work being carried on will not interfere with traffic.

Corridor Through State of Virginia

J. M. Booker Says We Might Build Road to Washington (Reprinted From Chapel Hill Weekly)

To the Editor:

You may find use for the following, extracted from a letter from Professor Ivey Lewis, of Charlottesville.

"Frank Webb of Durham was a recent visitor in Richmond. The proprietor of a garage told him: 'I see you have a North Carolina car license and I want to say I don't want to hear a word about roads. You see those cars there (pointing to 25 or so)—they are all tourist cars and the driver of every damn one told me about roads in North Carolina. I don't build roads. I don't supervise them. I have nothing to do with them. So please don't talk roads to me.'"

Why not start a movement to extend the idea embodied in the bill that we hear is being framed for introduction in our next legislature, instructing the proper authorities to request permission of the State of Virginia to build one good highway thru the State from Washington to the North Carolina border entirely at the expense of the Carolina taxpayers? This bill could be widened in scope to offer the services of the Page Commission to Virginia. That State would be saved the overhead, and the Virginia roads ought to take so little of the Commission's time that it might be prevailed upon to regard the extra work as a matter of charity.

J. M. Booker.

Ask the Chamber of Commerce about the new hardware store, which is going to locate here in a very short time. Any of the members will be glad to give you information on the subject.

NOTICE

Taken up, two shots about 6 months old, will weigh about 75 pounds. Marked "underkeel" in the right ear and split in the left ear. Color, red and black spots. Owner call for them.

Henry Winbush. 4-22-3

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TEACHERS OF COUNTY TO HOLD LAST MEETING SAT.

The white teachers of Martin county will hold their last meeting of the present school year in the high school auditorium next Saturday, April 26 at 2 P. M.

The work covered at these meetings has been very successful according to information given out through the county superintendent's office. The average attendance has been very good throughout the year and the record will continue throughout next Saturday although several of the schools have closed.

Williamston welcomes the teachers and wish them to continue their visits throughout the summer and on into next year.

WILLIAMSTON ENTERTAINS GOLD POINT

First Ball Game to Be Played Here This Season

On Monday afternoon the base ball fans of Williamston witnessed a hotly contested ball game between Gold Point and Williamston. The local lads displayed great skill in retiring in order. In no instance were there any home head plays made in this part of the game. As a matter of fact Williamston should have had the game in a bag had it not been for the missing of a ball by the star fielder, Frank Carstaphen. It seems that the white of Frank's eye was focused in the opposite direction from which the ball was coming and as a result a Gold Pointer crossed the rubber plate. This seemed to kill the morale of the Williamston team and twelve scores were made before they could check the onslaught of the boys from the glittering city, Gold Point. The score stood 12 to 1 at the end of the game.

With just a little more practice and the services of Lawyer Coburn and Empire Pete Ewden, Williamston has nothing more to expect than a great ball team.

Following is the Williamston lineup, that of Gold Point could not be obtained from one of the Williamston players as he had not regained his normal state of mind since the blow-up, so we are forced to omit part of our local players and the entire visiting team.

Harrell, Julian, Harrell, J., Harrell, Bill, L. F.; James, Cahries, 1 b.; Coburn, Lawyer, 2 b.; Barnes, Francis, short; Carstaphen, "Barney", c. f.

Misses Susie Keel and Beulah Teterton passed through here this morning enroute to their school at Sandy Ridge after spending the night in Everett with Miss Peel's parents.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

On Saturday afternoon from four until six o'clock at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ward, little Miss Ruth Ward was hostess to about thirty-five of her little friends in honor of her ninth birthday.

Cut door games were enjoyed by the little folks until refreshments were served when they were invited into the pretty dining room, decorated with Easter suggestions where they were served ice cream and cakes and fruit. The little lady was recipient of many pretty and attractive gifts.

Federal Court in Washington Today

Federal court convenes in Washington today. A few minor cases, mostly of a wet nature, and from Martin county will be tried.

BEAVER DAM LOCAL NEWS

Mr. Jesse Keel motored to Robersonville Wednesday.

Mr. Gus Keel went to Everetts Wednesday on business.

Mr. H. A. Cullipier went to Williamston Thursday.

Messrs. Ira Pead, Henry Allen and Mrs. W. F. Allen went to Williamston Tuesday shopping.

Mr. Guthrie Strawbridge went to Williamston Saturday on business.

Mr. Dennis Simpson motored to Williamston Wednesday.

Barroughs School closed Wednesday with an Easter egg hunt followed by a picnic.

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COLLISION OCCURS ON ROANOKE FILL SUNDAY

Ford Roadster Demolish ed When it Attempts To Pass Coupe

On Sunday afternoon, Messrs. Norman and Bill Harrison were driving in a Ford coupe on the fill between the two Roanoke bridges when they were run into by a Ford roadster driven by David Thompson and owned by Mr. Garney E. Simpson who was also in the roadster at the time. The Simpson car was not noticed by either of the Mr. Harrisons, who were driving slowly at the extreme right of the road until just a few seconds before they were bumped. The Simpson car was going at a fast pace and was torn almost to pieces, but Mr. Harrison's car was damaged only slightly. There seems to be no excuse for the accident as it occurred in the daytime unless the driver of the Simpson car was intoxicated or his eyes out of focus.

Mr. Simpson was the only person hurt. His lip and forehead were severely cut by the windshield when the collision occurred. He was carried to Dr. Saunders who took several stitches in his face.

MR. SAM McCASKEY DIED SATURDAY

Mr. Sam McCaskey died on the T. R. Shade farm in Poplar Point township, Saturday, April 19 from an attack of pneumonia. Mr. McCaskey was about 65 years of age. His wife died last year. He leaves four children, Sam Jr., Miss Allie Mae McCaskey of Poplar Point and Mrs. Thomas Lucas of Plymouth.

The burial was at the Warren W. Gurkin graveyard near Jamesville.

DR. BIGGS TO ATTEND COM- MITTEE MEETING IN GATE CITY

While Away Will Address Group Nine of N. C. Bankers Association

Dr. John D. Biggs will leave Thursday afternoon for Greensboro where he will meet with a committee who is endeavoring to get a branch of the Fifth Federal Reserve District located in North Carolina. From Greensboro he will go to Rutherfordton where he is scheduled to make an address before Group Nine of the North Carolina Bankers Association.

MR. KADER LILLEY CON- TINUES VERY ILL

The condition of Mr. Kader Lilley shows very little change during the past few days. He still continues very ill, but hope is entertained for his recovery.

WILL ENTERTAIN 20TH CENTURY CLUB TOMORROW

At the Elctory on the corner of Main and Houghton streets, Mrs. Harry M. Stubbs will entertain the Twentieth Century Club tomorrow afternoon from four until six o'clock.

Besides the members, Mrs. Stubbs will have several invited guests.

This is the first meeting since the Lenten season and a very interesting program has been prepared.

STABLE HAND WITH 165 HORSES BURNED TO DEATH

Richmond, April 21.—A stable hand with 165 horses was burned to death in a fire whose loss is estimated at three hundred thousand dollars.

The origin of the fire is unknown but it is thought the blaze was the result of a careless cigarette smoker.

SEVERE EARTHQUAKE ROCKS MEXICO CITY

Mexico City, April 21.—A severe earthquake shock, lasting for one minute and 25 seconds, rocked Mexico City and the plateau region of Mexico shortly after one o'clock this afternoon. Slight material damage was reported from various points affected by the tremor. There was no confirmation on reports that there had been no loss of life.

Mrs. L. J. Chapman, Mrs. Gladys Charles, Miss Carrie Chapman of Grifton and Mrs. George Tomlinson of Wilson visited Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Williams Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Anderson, Mrs. P. H. Brown, Mrs. Della Carson, Miss Carrie Dell White and Messrs Stanley Sessions and Julius S. Peel will attend the dance in Windsor tonight.

Miss Helen Mitchell of Kingston will arrive tonight to visit Miss Elizabeth Hassell.

TWO STORE STRUCTURE TO BE BUILT ON LOT BETWEEN GARAGE AND STATION BLDG.

Construction to Begin The Fifteenth
Of Next Month; Will Carry
General Merchandise

Washington street sometimes called Williamston's "Red-headed Step Child" will further strengthen its hold on the business of the town when the store of B. F. Perry is completed. Mr. Perry says construction will begin next month and will be two stories high and will have a 32 foot front and a depth of 100 feet.

Mr. Perry was a successful merchant of Everett for a long number of years, but recently sold his interest in his store there to the Messrs. Taylor Brothers. He will carry a line of general merchandise and will cater to the all classes of trade.

The time of completion has not been determined, but according to Mr. Perry, work will be carried on at a rapid pace until the project is finished.

It seems no longer than yesterday that we heard the anvil of the Cooke blacksmith sound and when C. O. Moore was the only merchant on Washington street. Now, check up on the growth and you will find real estate offices, lawyers' offices, cafes, three grocery stores, two soda fountains, two garages, an undertaker's establishment, two filling stations, doctors' offices, and the opening up of an overall industry, all on Washington street.

Instruction in Life Saving at Chunn's Cove

The first Red Cross life saving aid Institute ever held in the South will open at Chunn's Cove, near Asheville, June 20, under the supervision of David J. Yates, Director of Life saving and first aid for the Southern Division of the Red Cross. The institute will continue for one week, closing June 26.

This will mark the first attempt in the South to give mass instruction in life saving, first aid, canoeing, diving, and camp water front protection, although similar institutes have been conducted for some time in other sections of the country.

Membership in the institute has been limited to less than a hundred, composed principally of camp counselors, boy scout executives, teachers of First aid in industrial plants, and Red Cross chapter representatives of first aid and life saving work. A certificate of proficiency and a life saving examiners card will be awarded by the Red Cross to students passing the required tests at the completion of the course, and first aid certificates will also be awarded to those who pass the first aid tests.

BATHING SEASON GETS OFF WITH AN EARLY START

The bathing season at the Big Mill was opened yesterday when Misses Benjamin and Hassell and Mr. William Cooke made the initial plunges. The water as reported was a bit cold but did not trouble the swimmers until twenty minutes had passed.

The "Old Swimming Hole" has been a play ground and bathing resort for the people of Williamston and community for many years and it is with great delight that we learn just how near the season is for returning to the mill for the afternoon dive.

FAIR VIEW NEWS ITEMS

The many friends of Mr. Eli Rogers are glad to know he is improving after being unable to walk for several days.